(d) what is the India's share in the total world reserves and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) At the present rate of production, the balance of recoverable reserves of oil already established in the country would last about 30 years. However, exploration for hydrocarbons is a dynamic process and additional reserves usually get added each year.

(b) As per the National Energy Data Profile (NEDP) the share of commercial energy consumption in industrial and agricultural sector is as follows:—

Sector	Percentage share in Total* commercial Energy consumption	Percentage share in consumption			
		Coal & Lignite	Oil Production	Gas	Electricity
Industry	43.8	88.8	10.9	14.2	50.2
Agricultural . . .	8.2	—	10.7	—	23.4

*Dots not include consumption for electricity generation.

(c) The total geological reserves of hydrocarbons in the country as on 1.12.92 is 5964 MMT (O+OEG). These reserves are distributed in Bombay offshore, Kutch offshore, Cmbay basin, Rajasthan. Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, Assam-Arakan belt, Krishna-Godawari (onshore and offshore) basin and Cauvery (onshore and offshore) basin.

(d) Based on the data published in the International Petroleum Encyclopedia, 1992 the balance of recovrable reserves of India constitute 0.62 per cent of total world oil reserves and 0.59 per cent of total world gas reserves.

Draft Marketing Plan in Orissa

4245. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared the draft marketing plan for petrol|diesel outlets till the year 1997; and

(b) if so, details of the sites included in the Marketing Plan for in the Draft Marketing Plan each year till the year 1997 in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Liberalised exchange rate management system

4246. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of entrepreneurs that have come forward so far as 'takers' for the Liberalised Exchange Rate Management System (LERMS) announced on February 16, 1993, the details thereof;

(b) if the response is poor, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The Government have announced on Feb-

ruary 16, 1993, the decision to introduce paralled marketing of Kerisene LPG and LSHS by the private sector. This is an enabling measure for the private enterprise to enter these fields.

पश्चिम बंगाल में सऊदी अरब से अधिक तेल

4247. **श्री सोमपाल** : क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 13 फरवरी, 1993 के "नवभारत टाइम्स" में "पश्चिम बंगाल में सऊदी अरब से अधिक तेल" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने कोई जांच की है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो कब और उसके क्या परिणाम निकले ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) बंगाल बेसिन में अब तक बिना किन्हीं वाणिज्यिक हाइड्रोकार्बनों की खोज के कुल 42 अन्वेषी कूपों का वेधन किया गया है। जबकि बोली के चौथे दौर में बंगाल बेसिन में किसी संविदा को अंतिम रूप नहीं दिया जा सका, बोली के पांचवें दौर में जमीन पर एक ब्लाक, अपतट में एक ब्लाक और अपतट में जमीन पर एक तीसरा ब्लाक अन्वेषण के लिये निजी कम्पनियों को प्रस्तावित किए गए हैं। बोलियां प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि 30 जून, 1993 है।

Private Sector in LPG Imports

4248. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the efforts from private sector in regard to LPG imports, the details thereof;

(b) when are they expected to hit the market; and

(c) what are the consumer prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Some private entrepreneurs have been making enquiries from the Oil Industry about the various aspects of LPG import, its bottling and marketing. A few others have been reported to have progressed further in procuring LPG and establishing their distribution network.

(b) The time by which parallar marketing of LPG would start, depends upon the initiative and efforts of the private sector entrepreneurs.

(c) The price would be determined by market forces.

Decline in crude production

4249. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crude production declined mainly due to slashed target while demand for crude rose sharply; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such a decision as nation has to import crude at high cost and in hard currency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The reasons for shortfall in crude production include less base potential at the beginning of the year, reservoir constraints and rectificatory measures in the Bombay High field to